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## Joy Riders.

The word "Joyrider" strikes terror to the heart of the law abiding citizen, as life and property are endangered and common laws of decency violated. The brace of Kalamazoo birds who invaded a lake resort and demolished the furniture in one of the cottages there last week, had a rank injustice done toward them and others by the enticing look of the dollar that was paid to suppress the names and withhold the punishment that was theirs.

The story is this: Six prominent young society people of the city of Kalamazoo drove in an automobile to Lake Cora recently, and proceeded to smash up things in general in one of the homes there—little stunts like the following: shooting through mirrors, breaking china, easy chairs, leather furniture cut to slits with knives and the place at last smeared with green paint.

The question arises in these turbulent times, how a person is to protect his property from marauders and mischief makers. The disgraceful affair at Lake Cora proves that it is absolutely unsafe to leave summer property furnished with anything of value with the expectation of having it left intact.

It has been said that celery is good for the nerves and we haven't a doubt in regard to it. The saddest words of tongue or pen—"No arrests were made."

## The Divorce Problem.

Elsewhere in the columns of this issue, appears a statement of the number of cases listed for trial this term of the circuit court for this county. The calendar contains thirty, nearly half of the whole calendar, divorce cases. This is the largest divorce calendar the writer remembers having seen in Van Buren county. The increase in this class of litigation is indeed appalling. It is of course not confined to Van Buren county, for the record of courts in other counties in the state, show the same ratio of increase. A large amount of time at every session of the courts of the state, has to be devoted to the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony. The True Northerner does not pretend to be able to correctly diagnose the difficulty which is responsible for this increase, or to be able to prescribe a remedy. It is a serious social problem however, and one which confronts the people of every state in the union. Whether the fault lies in the marriage laws, or whether it is the divorce laws that need attention is a problem for students of sociology, and our wise solons to solve.

PLANS for Memorial day observance request an additional mark of honor and respect for the memory of those for whom the day was instituted. It has been suggested and requested that for a five minute period at noon, on Memorial day in every village and city where the Grand Army of the Republic remembers the day, all work shall cease and thoughts be turned to those who died in the Civil war;

that all flags fly at half-mast and bells toll during the five minute period.

The question of whether or not the members of the Corset Makers' union can be confined in the county jail for the offense of picketing the factory in time of trouble after an injunction by the court, reminds the writer of the convict in stripes visited by his friend, who was arguing thusly: "Why man, they can't imprison you for that because," etc etc. The occupant of the cell instead of finding comfort and new hope in the reason set forth only said in a positive sort of tone, "Well I'm here ain't I."

## POLITICAL ADVERTISING.

## EDWARD H. HARVEY

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I hereby announce my candidacy for member of the state legislature on the republican ticket, subject to the primaries August 27, 1912. Van Buren county has been my home for the past 30 years, and I do not deem an extended announcement necessary. If you believe that I would be the right man to represent Van Buren county in the state legislature, I will appreciate your support in the above mentioned primaries.

Respectfully,

EDWARD H. HARVEY  
Antwerp Township,  
Post Office, Paw Paw, R. F. D.

## CHICAGO LETTER

By Fred Charles.

Chicago, May 23—Almost a third of Chicago's population are persons of foreign birth. More than 35 countries are represented among the foreign born, and Germany leads with 181,000. That is to say, there are more Germans in Chicago than in the city of Strausburg, Austria is second with 133,000.

These people, with their children and their neighbors give Chicago a population more than three-fourths of which is of foreign birth or descent. And so Chicago is more foreign than American, and so, though it be a paradox, it is therein typically American.

Miss Eva Marshall, returning from New Mexico was met here by her sister Anna, and both have returned to their home in Porter.

Roosevelt may have the delegates but Taft has the national committee, and how T. R. can seat contested delegates without the connivance of the national committee is more than the wise guys here can see. Has T. R. already rented a hall for his convention? It is bound to come, of course.

It may be very well to excuse the Bay City rumpus by citing the analogous case of the Kalamazoo convention. But, obviously, that is to explain nothing. Everybody knows what is the matter with the republican party. Most men, but politicians conspicuously, are actuated by selfish motives, and those who have all to gain and those who have all to lose can never meet.

So there will be three tickets in the field this fall. The republican ticket headed by Taft, the T. R. ticket (call it what you will) and the democratic ticket. Taft and T. R. have slandered each other just enough to make it impossible for them to win. It's a democratic year—I have 83 cents that say so. And if this be treason—have some.

Our esteemed Chicago Correspondent must have a bad case of sour stomach this week. We have permitted the above political "Dope" to go in the Chicago News letter this week, just to show how easy it is for a newspaper man at certain times to get a sour stomach and be troubled with indigestion. Get away from the crowded city, where three fourths of the inhabitants are foreigners. Come out in the country, and breathe the fresh air once more. Come where the beauties of nature are now at their best, and hear the sweet voiced birds sing their glad songs. Come and cheer up. Things will then look different to you. You will sleep better, eat better, and that sour stomach will gradually give way to a good sound healthy condition of mind and body. [EDITOR.]

## INSANITY ON THE INCREASE

Insanity seems to be on the increase the last few days. From Van Buren county each year there are about 26 to 28 commitments, averaging a little over two a month. This year, 1912, up to May 11, only four commitments had been made, but from May 11 to May 20, there have been seven commitments and one case now pending. Every case, with one exception, has been an emergency case, requiring immediate removal to the Kalamazoo State Hospital. This has kept the probate court pretty busy with a class of work not at all enjoyable.

## OBITUARY

## ORVILLE A. RICE.

On Friday morning, May 17, Orville A. Rice passed quietly into his last sleep. He never rallied from the stroke of Sunday, May 12. A vigorous old man, full of strength and years fell like a mighty monarch of the forest, and silently passed into the beyond. His strong figure and merry laugh will be missed from our streets. The old soldiers will be again reminded of the rapidly thinning ranks. Another name is dropped from the shortening pension roll. Another flag will wave in prospect cemetery. One more maker of our history sleeps in our silent city.

He was one of the rugged types of plain citizen. He represented the dependable quality of our American citizenship. Upon such as he, the private soldiers, the plain citizen, the worker, the voter, rests the stability of the government of the people.

O. A. Rice was born in Livingston County, New York, April 2, 1830. Twelve years more than the three score and ten were his. He came to Kalamazoo Co., Mich., in 1844, and for more than fifty years has lived in the vicinity of Paw Paw. On February 24, 1864 he enlisted in Co. A. 13 Mich. Inf. at Kalamazoo. He was mustered out of service with an honorable discharge at McDougall hospital New York Harbor on May 25, 1865.

He leaves a widow, Mary Butler Rice, and three sons, Eugene W. of Kalamazoo, George O. of Detroit, and Rosell W. of Fresno, Cal.

The funeral services were held from the late residence Monday, May 20. Rev. C. E. Varney assisted by Bro. Head Post G. A. R., officiating. Interment was in Prospect cemetery.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to sincerely thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during our recent need in the sickness and death of husband and father. Especially do we wish to remember the G. A. R. Post and W. R. C.

Mrs. Mary Rice,  
E. W. Rice,  
Geo. G. Rice.

## MRS. RUSSELL W. MENTOR.

The last service for Mrs. Russell W. Mentor was held in her late home Sunday afternoon, a large concourse of neighbors and friends being present to assist the bereaved family and to give expression to the esteem in which the family are held and to extend their sympathy in this great sorrow.

Mrs. Mentor, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Harold, was born in Logan Co., Ohio, September 24, 1855. Her life was spent here and August 13, 1871, she was married to our townsman, Russell W. Mentor, one son, Laban Mentor, these with three grandsons, two sisters and a brother are left to cherish her memory.

Mrs. Mentor was a gentle woman of sweet and kindly nature, whom to know was to admire and love. She was a member of the W. R. C. and that body attended the service. The wealth of flowers which were laid above her breast were silent messages of tender regard and sincere sympathy.

Harold Spicer and Blaine Warner rendered two beautiful musical numbers and Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman conducted the services.

## LOUIS C. CONGER.

The remains of Louis C. Conger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Conger, were brought to Paw Paw for burial last Monday. The young man was 18 years of age and had been ill from a complication of diseases for about 11 weeks. The funeral was held from the home in Chicago and short services were held at Prospect cemetery here, Rev. C. E. Varney officiating.

Mr. Conger was born and spent his boyhood days in the vicinity of Paw Paw. He went to Chicago 25 years ago and that city has been his home since that time. The father and mother and two surviving brothers, one older and one younger than the deceased, accompanied the remains here. The Congers have many Paw Paw friends who extend their sympathy in the hour of bereavement.

## ALVIRA C. SWEET.

Alvira C. Sweet, one of the pioneers of Van Buren county passed away after a short illness at her home in the village of Lawrence, last Friday, May 17.

She was born in Stockbridge, Madison Co., N. Y., Dec. 26, 1828. On July 24, 1850, she was united in marriage to DeWitt C. Sweet. To this union two children were born, Mrs. Avis A. Martin and Mrs. Jeannie C. Paul, both of Lawrence.

The family came to Michigan 57 years ago, and with the exception of a few years spent in Minnesota, this place has been her home. She united with the M. E. church when quite young, and joined the church of this denomination in Lawrence by letter in an early day and helped to organize the first Methodist class under the leadership of Elder Robinson. She has been an inspiration to her family and to those who knew

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## Paw Paw Drug CO.

## WILL REMAIN FOR VISIT.

Mrs. M. O. Rowland and daughter Dorothy of Detroit came last Monday to attend the funeral of her step-father, O. A. Rice. Mrs. Rowland will remain a short time to visit relatives and friends.

## WILL GIVE MUSICAL.

Mrs. E. H. Miner will give a musical at her home in Almena on Friday evening, May 31. Miss Van Buskirk will assist, and the full program will be published in these columns next week.

## Peculiar Sandpaper.

The dried skin of the dogfish was once on a time used for sandpaper.

## Best for Shoe Soles.

Rubber and asbestos mixed has been utilized successfully for the manufacture of soles for outing shoes. The material has the appearance of a thick, close felt, without odor, and without any discomfort to the feet, such as attends the use of pure rubber. These will be extensively introduced next season.

## Cod.

The catch of cod in the United States is third in value of fish caught, amounting to almost \$3,000,000, followed by that of shad, lobsters and clams.